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To: Polly Lowry
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Dear Ms. Lowry,

This letter is written as a comment regarding the Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Existing Milk Cow Dairies proposed by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB).

As dairymen here in the San Joaquin Valley we are continually being hit up with new rules, regulations and fees that make it increasingly difficult to run a profitable dairy in this area. We are all for maintaining water quality in our area. We live here and we and our families drink the water. We have lived on and operated our dairy in Tipton for the past 23 years. We have always managed our waste water so we don't contaminate our environment. We did this before all the new rules and regulations. Water samples from our wells and crop from our fields indicate we've been doing a good job. Now we hear we may be required to put in test wells. My brother was required to put in test wells at his new dairy and the test wells are all dry. What good does a dry test well do? If you are going to make new requirements of us, at least show us how these requirements are going to maintain water quality.

We like living in the Valley and we want to stay here and hope that our children will have the same opportunity. Please don't hit us with regulations that do nothing to improve our water quality, but may eventually force us to move elsewhere.

Any help you can be in this matter would be appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 559-281-2143.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,



Doug Van Beek

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